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In re application of: Armitage et al.

Atty Docket No.: HASLP004/HL52257

Application No.: 09/673,074

Examiner: Fay, Zohreh A.

Filed: February 26, 2001

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Title: OCULAR IRRIGATING SOLUTION

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Total Claims	19	MINUS	20	00	x 9 = 0	x 18 =
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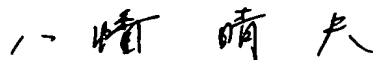


Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.



Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. HASLP004).

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 28, 2002.

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified patent application after final:

In the Claims:

All pending claims have been reproduced in an appendix below for the convenience of the Examiner. The appendix pages may be treated as substitute pages for the pages of claims in the present specification.

Please enter the following amendments to claims 1 and 11 after final:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of irrigating the eye of a patient during surgery comprising supplying to the eye an aqueous solution consisting essentially of a source of bicarbonate ions, a physiologically acceptable organic buffer which is an organic zwitterionic buffer having a buffering capacity within the range pH 6.8 to 8.0, and optionally a source of